

Application No. 09/929,025
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REMARKS

As an initial matter, Applicants would like to thank Examiner Leykin for taking the time to meet with Applicants' representatives in the personal interview of November 24, 2003. This Amendment is consistent with the issues discussed and agreements reached during the interview.

During the interview, Applicants' representative clarified Applicants' position on the claimed invention and the interface between portions of the electromagnetic actuator device. Applicants' representative also set forth the differences between the claimed invention and U.S. Patent No. 5,150,153 to Franken et al.

In this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1, 50, 53, 65, 74, 80, 83, 86, 93, 102, 107, and 116 to more clearly define the claimed invention.

Before entry of this Amendment, claims 1-116 were pending in this application. After entry of this Amendment, claims 1-116 are still pending in this application.

The originally-filed specification, claims, abstract, and drawings fully support the amendments to claims 1, 50, 53, 65, 74, 80, 83, 86, 93, 102, 107, and 116. For example, support can be found at least in page 11, line 3 through page 13, line 16 and page 15, lines 1-23 of the specification. No new matter was introduced.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and allowance of pending claims 1-116.

In discussing the specification, claims, abstract, and drawings in this Amendment, it is to be understood that Applicants are in no way intending to limit the scope of the claims to any exemplary embodiments described in the specification or abstract and/or shown in the drawings. Rather, Applicants are entitled to have the

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claims interpreted broadly, to the maximum extent permitted by statute, regulation, and applicable case law.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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